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SOURCE

1. Most of the Soviet troops located in the area of CRAIOVA, SLATINA (R 33/34/B 24) and CARACAL (R 33/34/B 21) left by road and rail in the general direction of TURNUL SEVERIN. (R 23/24/E 98).
2. The "Duzesti Brothers" High School, CRAIOVA, where a high unit headquarters was located, and officer billets were vacated at 4 p.m. The departing personnel took office equipment and furniture with them.
3. The departing troops were fully equipped. The following vehicles

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Open passenger cars for a five-man crew, armored, heavily built  
 Trucks of a hitherto unknown type, protected by a 2.5-mm armor, with canvas on top ("decapotabile")  
 ZIS, Studebaker and Ford trucks  
 Infantry guns ("tunuri infanterie")  
 Mortars of 120-mm and larger caliber ("bandt")  
 Rocket launchers ("katiusa")  
 Tanks of type "JS" and "T 34"  
 Tanks of 25 to 30 tons, armed with double-barreled guns of about 50 mm caliber ("tunuri jumelate")  
 Motorcycles  
 Trucks, loaded with ammunition, quartering equipment and ration supplies  
 Field kitchens, radio trucks and ambulances.

The troops had left CRAIOVA by 11 p.m. of the same day.

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4. A column, consisting mostly of artillery pieces ("tunuri"), was observed leaving CARACAL at about 11 p.m. A column, mostly consisting of tanks, was observed leaving SLATINA at about 8 p.m.

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6. [REDACTED] "several hundred" tanks,

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7. About 25 percent of the troops remained in their previous quarters in the CIAIOVA-SLATINA-CARACAL area.

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Comment:

a. The report is the second to emanate from Rumania in August 1949. The contents of the report can be considered "possibly true or even false."

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Little Wallachia is given credence.

b. The transfer of the mass of the Soviet troops from the CIAIOVA-CARACAL-SLATINA area (2d G.S. Meez Div?) in the general direction of TURNUL SEVERIN was possibly linked with the Soviet maneuvers in the border area of western Rumania (another source reported in July 1949 that Soviet troops arrived in TIMISOARA). According to previous information Soviet troops conducted maneuvers in the TIMISOARA area and in the TURNUL SEVERIN area in the fall of 1948. These maneuvers had started several rumors taken up by the newspapers of the western countries, that the Soviets were possibly concentrating troops for a military action against TITO Yugoslavia.

c. It is also possible that the troops from the CIAIOVA-CARACAL-SLATINA area were transferred via TURNUL SEVERIN to the TIMISOARA area and the area west of TIMISOARA (compare press reports of 30 August 1949, according to which two, possibly three, Soviet mechanized divisions were transferred to the area of SEFEL, Hungary. No information has been available for comparison since the agent activity in Hungary was stopped.

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